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Chief, Planning and Review Staff

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Chief, Industrial Division

Comments on OSI FY 1956 Program.

1. As requested in your memo of 1 March 1956 the following comments are forwarded. These remarks are based on your five check points.

a. There appears to be no significant overlap between the OSI and ORR programs. There is enough coordination at the analyst's level to avoid this now and such coordination should be maintained in the future.

b. Important gaps appear to be: (1) A review of Soviet research and development and status of technology in the field of telecommunications systems. (2) A review of Soviet semi-conductor developments.

c. At the present time only one area appears likely to need sharper delineation. I/AR is planning to estimate the developmental cost of aircraft which are in production. It is possible that responsibility for costing Research and Development of all aircraft may be a proper subject for future talks.

d. Most of the scheduled and proposed projects of I/EE and I/AR should be of interest to OSI. The projects of I/EE should interest OSI/ED primarily, and also OSI/NEED and OSI/GM.

e. I/AR would like to see the following in the OSI FY '57 program:

1. Research on the types of aircraft in development that are expected to go in production.

2. Research on the time it takes to design and put a Soviet aircraft into production.

2. I/EE would like to see research done by OSI on the two items in b. above.

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3. I/MM is interested in the development of automation with particular reference to servo-mechanisms and the application of closed-circuit feed-back controls to industrial machinery. I/MM is planning closer liaison work on the analyst level in the future, but, at the present, has no suggestions for OSI research.

4. I/SN is interested in any OSI work on nuclear energy and its relation to naval construction but at present has no suggestions for OSI research.

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